

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Chen et al.

Serial No.: 10/808,429 **Group Art Unit:** 2166

Filed: March 25, 2004 **Examiner:** Johnese T. Johnson

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR BUSINESS OBJECT DISCOVERY

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450

STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW

As a preliminary matter, Dr. Chen, one of the Applicants, and Applicants' representative thanks Examiners Pham and Johnson for the courtesies extended in the telephonic interview conducted on March 12, 2009, in which rejections to independent claims 1, 13, 20, 25, 33, and 40 were discussed.

The Examiners indicated that the exemplary claim 1 was broadly written, and sought clarification on the claimed feature, "collaboration code."

Both Dr. Chen and the Applicants' representative clarified the claimed term "collaboration code," and pointed out that, amongst other things, that mere broadness of claim language does not render the claimed features obvious, and is not the standard for applying a §103(a) rejection. Also, the applied references, (Burke, Sheard, and Kompella) do not teach or suggest, "determining a business object definition for said object based upon said collaboration code;" and "wherein said collaboration code determines said business object definition for said object without pre-defined business object definitions, if the object does not conform to a known business object definition," as recited in claim 1. Further, since the applied references are not related to each other, one of ordinary skill in the art would not

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have even considered combining the references to render the claimed features obvious. Also, the Examiner has not articulated clearly why one of ordinary skill in the art would have considered combining the references to teach or suggest the claimed invention.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Assignee's Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

Respectfully Submitted,



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